

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS AND THE OVERALL REDUCTION OF PLASTICS; PROVIDING FOR A TOWN SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES REGARDING THE HARM CREATED BY PLASTIC STRAWS AND PLASTIC IN GENERAL TO TERRESTRIAL AND MARINE LIFE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 8.8 million tons of plastic pollution flows into the oceans each year and this amount is expected to double by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic straws are not compostable or biodegradable, but instead photodegrade into smaller pieces which are then ingested by terrestrial and marine life and can eventually make its way into the human food chain and water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Jupiter's (Town) Beach Committee has recommended that the Town Council consider a resolution to support the reduction of single-use plastic straws and direct the Town Manager to implement an education and outreach campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council acknowledges that many Town businesses have taken affirmative steps to reduce single-use, non-recyclable plastics and Town Council encourages these and other proactive efforts to reduce pollution by plastics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Strategic Plan includes strategic goals focused on a strong local economy and Town Communication; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council encourages and supports the reduction of single-use straws and overall reduction of plastic in furtherance of the public's health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The whereas clauses are incorporated herein as the findings of the Town Council.

**Section 2:** The Town Manager is hereby directed to initiate an educational program to educate the public, including residents, visitors and businesses regarding the harm to terrestrial and marine life created by plastic straws and plastic products in general and to implement it on or prior to December 31, 2018.

**Section 3:** The Town Manager is directed to complete a review of the Town's purchasing policies prior to December 31, 2019. The purpose of this review is to strive to eliminate the use of single use plastics for Town operations and events, except as may be necessary to meet public safety needs by the end of 2020.

**Section 4:** All Town businesses are encouraged to discontinue providing plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks, and similar plastic items as soon as possible.

**Section 5:** Town businesses that provide a product for which a plastic straw, plastic stirring stick and similar plastic items may be used are encouraged to offer paper straws, metal straws or other biodegradable items as substitutes, and to provide a plastic straw or plastic stirring stick only when an individual insists upon such product.

**Section 6:** The Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Palm Beach County, and the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County.

**Section 7:** All Town residents and visitors are encouraged to discontinue the use of plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items. Furthermore, all Town residents and visitors are encouraged to politely refuse to accept such items, if offered by a business.

**Section 8:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its execution.

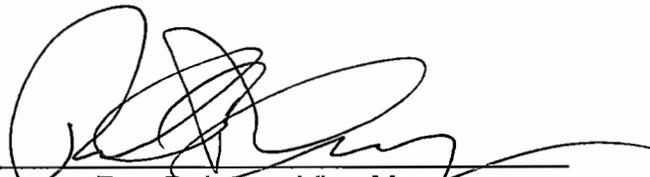
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The foregoing Resolution was offered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018 by Councilor Wayne R. Posner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Ron Delaney and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR TODD R. WODRASKA	X	
VICE-MAYOR RON DELANEY	X	
COUNCILOR ILAN KAUFER	X	
COUNCILOR JIM KURETSKI	X	
COUNCILOR WAYNE R. POSNER	X	

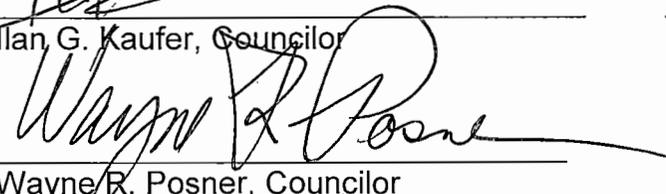
The Mayor thereupon executed Resolution 63-18 on this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of August, 2018.  
TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA

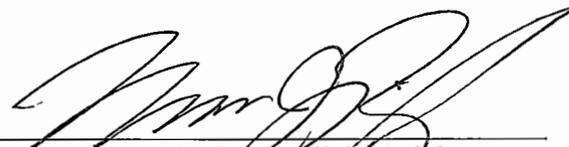
  
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By: Todd R. Wodraska, Mayor

  
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Wayne R. Posner, Councilor

  
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THOMAS J. BAIRD, ESQ.  
Approved as to form and  
legal sufficiency

Attest:

  
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Sally M. Boylan, MMC  
Town Clerk



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